

Power Point slides for the classes were discussed in detail.

During this meeting the Workgroup developed an ambitious T4 schedule. Due to the rigorous schedule of the instructors and the holidays in November it was decided to postpone the presentation in Redding.

T4: CERT Program Manager Academy courses will be conducted;

- August 25-26 in Riverside
- September 22-23 in San Jose
- October 27 -28 in Fresno
- December 1-2 in Los Angeles

This course is reserved for individuals who:

1. Are or will be a CERT Program Manager in their community;
2. Are nominated by their Operational Area's CERT Coordinator;
3. Have already taken CERT TTT at the national, state or local level;
4. Will definitely be organizing and conducting CERT courses within their community;
5. Have a program development background (training course management), and/or have the experience to be able to manage a CERT program; and
6. Can work with others (pairs/groups/agencies) to organize and conduct CERT courses.

Priority will go to individuals nominated by counties that do not yet have a CERT program.

Nominations for attendance to these T4: CERT Program Manager Academy courses will be the responsibility of all Operational Area CERT coordinators.



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News From the Team

**From Adam Sutkus,
Citizen Corps Program Director**

As June begins, much of our attention at GO SERV is being directed at the development of the Local Volunteer Management Plan "template"--a key requirement of the 2004 Citizen Corps Program at the local level. With key stakeholder meetings occurring in June, our goal is to have the finished template ready for use by early fall. Thank you to everyone who is helping us with the design of this document.

Another key issue now is the 2005 appropriations process; yes, it is that time yet again--GO SERV is working closely with the Office of Homeland Security and the Governor's Washington D.C. office to monitor the funding levels being debated on Citizen Corps and other programs in this year's bill.

We have had an opportunity to speak with many Citizen Corps programs over the last month through the homeland security grant application process, the Disaster Resistant California conference, and at the Nevada Region 9 Citizen Corps conference...I continue to be impressed with the dedication and creativity with which California's emergency volunteer community is coming together and further developing systems to enhance Citizen Corps and other programs locally. Great job everyone and keep up the great work!

CERT Update

The Statewide CERT Workgroup continued their work on the T4 - CERT Program Manager Academy during their quarterly face to face meeting in Manhattan Beach on May 26th. The instructor manuals and the

The instruction will focus on each phase of a program throughout the following subject discussions.

Program Management
Retention of Trained members
CERT Programs and Budgeting
Effective Graduations
Advertising and Marketing CERT
Instructor Techniques
Refresher Training and Exercises

CERT WUI

Denny Neville, CERT program coordinator from Rancho Santa Fe, presented at the Statewide CERT Workgroup meeting in Manhattan Beach on May 26th. He presented on the taskforce's continuing work on the Wildland Urban Interface Module for the Basic CERT Course. This course will be an advanced level course for CERTs from wildland fire prone areas to take. Kurt Latipow (Ukiah Fire Department), Bob Newman (San Luis Obispo County) and Rich Just (former CDF) are all on the WUI Taskforce and are working hard on a well needed project for the citizen's of California. A pilot course will be conducted shortly to work out any glitches and should be ready for public dissemination by the beginning of next fire season.

CERT T-T-T Schedule

There was no GO SERV sponsored CERT T-T-T in the month of May;

16-18 June in Fresno (Fresno County)
21-23 July in Thousand Oaks (Ventura County)

Please contact Jim Brown, CERT Coordinator, for further information.
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Regional Citizen Corps Conference: Nevada, May 17-21, 2004

California, Washington State, Arizona, Nevada, American Samoa, Hawaii, and Guam all participated in the Region 9 conference in Las Vegas May 17 -21. The group had the

opportunity to hear from several key executives, including Sue Mencer, the director of the new Office of State and Local Program coordination and preparations at the Dept. of Homeland Security. A wide ranging discussion took place across the two day conference covering many topics, including: liability for volunteers; building and sustaining volunteer programs within Citizen Corps; funding (always a popular topic); law enforcement program integration; the new Fire Corps, and other updates.

California was well-represented at the conference with Carla Glazebrook from Fresno's Citizen Corps Council; Lt. Paul Tassone from Sacramento Sheriff's Citizen Corps Council; Chris Walters from the California Tribal Nations/Emergency Management Council & GO SERV's Jim Brown, Adam Sutkus, and Brian Knudsen.

The Conference was a great opportunity to share best practices and gain valuable knowledge from colleagues; it also set the stage for the national Citizen Corps Conference in Denver, Colorado in July.

Legislative Update

Congress returned to Washington, D.C. after the Memorial Day recess to a flurry of activity related to emergency management and homeland security. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security marked up their version of the yet to be numbered spending bill.

Although not yet verified, GO SERV understands that the national appropriation for Citizen Corps remains at \$50million.

Specific grant levels in the current mark-up include the following:

- \$1.250 billion for basic formula grants (request was \$750 million)
- \$1.000 billion for high-density urban areas, including no less than \$100

- million for rail security (request was \$1.250 billion)
- \$125 million for port security grants (request was \$46 million)
- \$500 million for State and local law enforcement terrorism prevention grants (same as request)
- \$600 million for firefighter grants (request was \$500 million; last year Congress appropriated \$750 million)
- \$185 million for First Responder training
- \$35 million for the Homeland Security Operations Center, including \$10 million for secure communications with state and local governments.

The bill is scheduled to be considered with the Interior Appropriations package before the full Appropriations Committee on June 9, 2004.

Medical Reserve Corps News

California MRCs have been really hopping! We are continuing monthly teleconferences with anywhere between 15-25 participants on each call, including Paula Martel from the nationally recognized Las Vegas group and ongoing representation from the MRC National Program Office with Commander Robert Tosatto, Lt. April Kidd, Mary Beth Albright or Lt. Marna Hoard. Joining our calls starting June 23, 2004 will be Nadine Simons, Deputy Health Officer and/or Dr. Ronald Banks, Health Officer from HHS Region IX.

San Bernardino County Medical Society MRC is always represented in a big way in our monthly conference calls with at least three members participating each month. And we are very pleased to welcome Gaylynn Mann, MRC coordinator for the Woodside Fire Protection District. **Woodside Fire Protection District MRC** is in the early stages of

development. It brings our CA MRC count up to 20.

The **Sonoma County MRC**, with approximately 350 members, has completed a series of training classes and will be putting out a newsletter shortly for their volunteers. They are very actively preparing for a full scale exercise in the form of a flu clinic this coming fall wherein they will be offering free flu vaccine to the southwest area of Santa Rosa.

The **Sacramento County Sheriff's MRC** has received several grants, one from TEWG (Terrorism Early Warning Group) as well as active support from Representative Doug Ose's Office. This has enabled them to purchase equipment, do extensive recruitment and training along with providing uniforms and other perks.

And the **MRC of LA's** latest success story is that they have enlisted more than 400 Spiritual Care Providers to participate in an Interfaith Bereavement Council as a component of the LA Corps. And their medical care volunteer census at this date is upwards of 500 medical care providers.

There will be a strong contingent of local California MRC representatives attending the MRC National Leadership Conference in Baltimore July 7-9, 2004. Dr. Ray Goodman, MRC Medical Director (and founder) of the **MRC of Los Angeles County** will be speaking at the national conference on his success in establishing one of the largest MRCs in the country. Sherrill Reed will be giving a presentation on the California initiative to coordinate and integrate the state's MRCs. (With the exception of Virginia, which is currently recruiting for a statewide MRC coordinator, California is the only state that has been focusing on coordination at the state level.) The California contingent plans to rendezvous in Baltimore. This trip 3000 miles away may prove an opportunity for California MRC

members to finally match faces with voices.

If interested in joining the CA MRC Group and participating in monthly teleconferences, please notify Sherrill Reed at e-mail: sreed@emsa.ca.gov or phone: 916-322-4336, ext 406.

Fire Corps

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced plans on May 6 to establish and coordinate a new Citizen Corps volunteer program called "Fire Corps." Its goal is to enhance the ability of fire departments to utilize citizen volunteers and to promote these opportunities to the public. The program will provide individuals with opportunities to support their local fire departments with their time and talent to assist with activities not related directly to fire suppression. "This represents yet another effort to make sure our communities are even more prepared for emergencies," said Secretary Ridge. "Fire Corps" volunteers may assist fire department personnel with administrative duties, perform education and outreach efforts to encourage fire safety and prevention, support Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training so more individuals are trained in emergency preparedness and basic response techniques, and other non-suppression activities unique to rural and urban areas. Program materials will include a resource guide for fire departments that outlines key steps involved in the formation or enhancement of citizen volunteerism. Additional tools will contain a comprehensive clearinghouse of resources, materials, and a website that should be operational in June 2004: www.firecorps.org. The U.S. Fire Administration will oversee implementation of the "Fire Corps" program, integrate it into all aspects of the fire community, and coordinate efforts of all major fire groups at the federal government level.

AmeriCorps Homeland Security Programs

The Corporation for National and Community Service announced its decision to fund 25 AmeriCorps programs in California as a result of the national competition. Two CA homeland security/emergency management programs were funded: (1) Fresno Safe and Proud Neighborhood; and, (2) Los Angeles Conservation Corps Strike Teams. Decisions about which applicants will receive other state formula funding will be made June 16, 2004.

(1) Fresno Safe and Proud Neighborhoods

Fresno Safe and Proud Neighborhoods is a coalition of local agencies administered by the Fresno County EOC under the direction of the Fresno Citizen Corps Council. Members will work with community- and faith-based organizations to increase public safety. Members will assist with the expansion and coordination of the city's Neighborhood Watch Program, install smoke detectors and security lighting, paint street addresses on curbs and on the roofs of commercial buildings, and provide lock boxes for the homebound and isolated elderly and infirmed for access to their homes by emergency crews. Members will also patrol park areas to reduce crime and recruit volunteers to support homeland security activities coordinated by the Fresno Citizen Corps Council.

Los Angeles Conservation Corps Strike Teams

Strike teams will work to assist communities affected by the recent Southern California wildfires. They will provide land and vegetation protection/restoration and help with community restoration/clean-up projects throughout Southern California. Strike teams will also provide public safety education to residents and visitors to the natural areas in and surrounding Los Angeles. Strike teams will also be available in the event of a major

disaster, emergency or terrorist attack to assist first responders, disaster relief organizations and others.

CA Community College Apply for ODP Grant

An innovative consortium consisting of the California Community College Chancellor's office, UCLA, Western College, and Special Needs/Vulnerable Populations groups have come together and applied for an Office of Domestic Preparedness grant focused upon institutions of higher learning and non-profits to enhance homeland security training. The proposed program involves initiating the 109 campus Community College system as a vital delivery mechanism for CERT training in California. Based upon a system used now at Napa Community College, a "template" program will be developed that can be rolled out and adapted system wide. As part of the new program, a new CERT module for Vulnerable Populations will be developed, as will a new course for first responders that will interact with special needs groups during emergencies. With the CERT/special needs program successfully implemented statewide, other training classes through ODP are envisioned to be delivered through the new Community College system in the future. GO SERV had the honor to help facilitate the grant coalition effort; special thanks to the office of Homeland Security and the California National Guard for their help on the design. Word on the grant proposal's success should be received sometime in July.

GO SERV Says Farewell to Brian Knudsen

GO SERV is happy for Brian but sad to announce his departure from our team. He is moving to Las Vegas (I should have never let him go to the R.9 conference!) to be with his brother and continue his graduate studies. He has been an excellent member of the team, helping with the State Citizen Corps Council, key

planning document development, and starting the first efforts for GO SERV on integrating law enforcement volunteer programs more seamlessly into the statewide Citizen Corps effort. He will be missed. But as I told Brian, we are treating his move as a "temporary" situation--as we won't rest until we lure him back to California after his Masters degree is completed. Good luck Brian and thanks!!

Annual Report Available

The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism's Citizen Corps program Annual Report is now available on our web site. This report is quick snapshot of Citizen Corps in California during the first grant year. To download the Annual Report please visit <http://www.goserv.ca.gov/news/newsFiles/AnnualReport.pdf>.

NOTE TO GRANTEES

The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism will not process requests for reimbursement from grantees that are out of compliance. The most common compliance issue is outstanding progress reports.

FAQS

Grantee Information

Q. Where can I find the Invoice Instructions, Instructions and Forms, Expense Reports and Budget Revision Form for the 2002 Citizen Corps and CERT Grants?

- A. 1. Go to www.goserv.ca.gov.
2. On left side of the homepage click **Grantee Central**.
3. Enter password "service2others" and then click login.
4. On the left side you will see a menu of items under **Grantee Central**. Click on **Citizen Corps**.
5. You will see the message "Welcome to the Citizen

Corps section of Grantee Central! Use the tabs above to navigate through this section of the website."

6. Click on the tab labeled **2002 Forms**. The "Invoicing Instructions and Forms," the "Budget Revision Instructions and Form," and the "2002 Grant Closeout Form" can be found here.

Q. When can my agency/organization incur expenses for the 2003 CERT Grants?

- A. Your agency/organization can only incur expenses during the contract term. The 2003 CERT contract term is: December 5, 2003 – December 4, 2004.

Q. Where can I find the 2003 CERT Grant Invoice Instructions, Invoice Form, Expense Report Form and the Budget Revision Form?

- A. 1. Go to www.goserv.ca.gov.
2. On left hand side click on Grantee Central.
3. Enter password: and then click login.
4. On the left hand side you will see a menu of items under Grantee Central. Click on Citizen Corps.
5. You will see the message "Welcome to the Citizen Corps section of Grantee Central! Use the tabs above to navigate through this section of the website."
6. Click on the tab labeled 2003 Forms. The "Invoicing Instructions and Forms", and the "Budget Revision Instructions and Form can be found here.

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